

4 Questions Regarding Impartiality: Asbestos

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(1) Do you know of any reason that you might be unable to provide impartial advice on the matter to come before the panel/committee/subcommittee or any reason that your impartiality in the matter might be questioned?	No. My research on natural occurrences of asbestos has always been impartial and based on scientific research and its findings. I follow the USGS mandate that our research, conclusions, publications, and presentations at scientific conferences are based on impartial interpretation of research results.
(2) Have you had any previous involvement with the review document(s) under consideration including authorship, collaboration with the authors, or previous peer review functions? If so, please identify and describe that involvement.	No. I have not been involved in the past with the specific review document that is to be considered.
(3) Have you served on previous advisory panels, committees or subcommittees that have addressed the topic under consideration? If so, please identify those activities.	<p>Yes. Since November of 2018, I have served on an advisory capacity and as a technical peer reviewer on matters of asbestos mineralogy and geology to the FDA ([HYPERLINK "https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-01-10/pdf/2020-00259.pdf"]). I also act as advisor to NIOSH on the geology and mineralogy of asbestos as potential naturally occurring contaminants in deposits mined for other mineral commodities.</p> <p>I've served as an invited member of many expert advisory panels related to asbestos, including:</p> <p>Interagency Asbestos Technical Working Group (2002–2004); Special Science Seminar with the CDC, National Center for Environmental Health, and ATSDR (2005); EPA Risk Assessors Training Conference (2008); EPA Technical Review Workshop (2009); Nevada Annual Resource Agency Meeting (2015)</p>
(4) Have you made any public statements (written or oral) on the issue that would indicate to an observer that you have taken a position on the issue under consideration? If so, please identify those statements.	No.